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The meeting was called to order at 9.20 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTY FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/232)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider a request by a number of countries for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration", contained in document A/51/232.

2. Mr. KAMAL (Pakistan), introducing the request on behalf of Bangladesh, Nicaragua, the Philippines and Pakistan, said that the International Organization for Migration (IOM), an intergovernmental organization with 59 member States and 41 observer States, had been established in 1951 and had held observer status in the General Assembly since 1992. A cooperation agreement between the United Nations and IOM had been signed in Geneva on 25 June 1996. In view of the active role of IOM in the area of migration, it would be in the interest of the States Members of the United Nations to consider ways and means of enhancing cooperation between IOM and the United Nations.

3. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

4. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/233)

5. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider a request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Proclamation of International Civil Aviation Day", contained in document A/51/233. The representative of Canada had asked to address the Committee on the matter in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

6. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Holmes (Canada) took a place at the Committee table.

7. Mr. HOLMES (Canada), introducing the request on behalf of Bangladesh, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, France, India, Mauritius, Saudi Arabia and Canada, said that, in 1992, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) had adopted its resolution 7/3, declaring 7 December of each year, commencing in 1994, International Civil Aviation Day. The resolution had been adopted to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Convention on International Civil Aviation in 1944. In 1996, the ICAO Council had requested the Secretary-General of ICAO to take steps to urge the General Assembly to recognize officially 7 December of each year as International Civil Aviation Day.

8. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

9. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

The meeting rose at 9.30 a.m.